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The Honorable Loretta A. Preska United States District Judge United States Courthouse 500 Pearl Street, Room 1320 New York, New York 10007

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Shared Technologies Inc. v. Allegiance Telecom Liquidating Trust, XO Holdings, Inc. Re: and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (In re Allegiance Telecom, Inc. et al.); Civil Action No. 08-CV-3051 (LAP)

Your Honor,

We represent the appellant, Shared Technologies Inc. (STI), in the above-referenced matter. We also represent STI in an identical case pending before Judge Kaplan, Shared Technologies Inc. v. Allegiance Telecom Liquidating Trust, XO Holdings, Inc. and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (In re Allegiance Telecom, Inc. et al.), Civil Action No. 08-CV-3050 (LAK). Because both of these cases involve identical parties and issues, on April 7, 2008, STI filed its Notice of Related Case and Application for Transfer Pursuant to Rule 15 (c) for the Division of Business Among District Judges requesting that the Court consolidate Case No. 08-CV-3051 (LAP) into Case No. 08-CV-3050 (LAK). The request to consolidate is pending sub judice.

The appellate briefs in both cases must be filed today. Judge Kaplan's page limit for a memorandum of law is thirty-five (35) pages. Your Honor's limit is twenty (20) pages. Because of the number of issues and the complexity of the facts, the briefs will be approximately twentythree (23) to twenty-four (24) pages long. To avoid confusion with the Court, we would like to file the same brief in each case. Therefore, we respectfully request an extension of the page limit to allow STI to file a twenty-four (24) page brief.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted.

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SO ORDER

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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On February 7, 2008 Judge Drain issued two orders granting identical relief which STI appeals.

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